

magazines, lectures, lyceums, and reading circles, if they would learn anything from them, they would learn that the "Fourth-Since" or "Scriptural grounds" of some of our brethren have served notice that they will raise this question on the day of judgment that the annual conference decide by vote whether women are to be admitted or excluded from the pulpit. Every man in his own order, in St. Paul's chapter on the resurrection of the dead.

DR. BUCKLEY'S REPORT.
It was nearly 10 o'clock before the committee on the episcopacy could get a hearing. Its first report was that Bishops Bowman and Foster should be regarded as non-effective. It contained a beautiful tribute to their labors and character, which Bishop Foster to his feet, who proposed to retire. Mistaking him to mean to resign his office, which was met by a storm of noes, but when it was understood to mean only that he retire from the room while his case was under discussion, the entire audience was granted and when a similar request was made by Bishop Bowman, he, too, was permitted to retire from the room, adding as he went, that he would not be back. It was ever told that he was not effective. They seemed to enter into the feeling of hundreds of thousands of people who had seen under similar conditions, accept the inevitable with tears.

The proposition to retire them was at once rejected by the conference, and a proposition was made to retain them on the list of effective or semi-effective. The Methodist conference would express its disapproval of the action of the conference. This called for a vigorous discussion. This gave Dr. Lanahan opportunity to pitch into the conference. He was a man of a very characteristic vim. The conference seemed to enjoy this castigation. Dr. Buckley reported that the committee had not likely another secret session will be called. The substitute was laid on the table by a vote of 100 to 90. The report was adopted with equal unanimity, and then the conference adjourned.

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PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL.
Strong but Fruitless Effort to Retain Bishops Bowman and Foster.
CLEVELAND, May 14.—To-day's session of the Methodist Episcopal conference was the most important that has been held yet. The long-expected report of the committee on episcopacy was presented and adopted, after an animated debate which was interrupted by the death of Bishop Foster. The report provided for the retirement of the venerable Bishops Bowman and Foster on the ground of non-effectiveness, declared that the time is opportune to elect a bishop of African descent, and also provided for the election of two bishops to take the place of those who were retired. The three propositions in the report were agreed to by a large majority. This action relates only to the bishops in this country and has no effect on the bishops in the missionary field, who will be considered later.

To-morrow morning the conference will proceed to the election of the two bishops. The contest is narrowing down. It is now conceded that Chapman, of New York, is in the lead, although it is doubtful if he yet has the two-thirds vote required to elect. Chancellor J. R. Day is said to have decided to withdraw and throw his support to Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton, of Boston. Chase F. Case, of New York, is also ambitious to secure election to a secretaryship of the Freedmen's Aid Society, may alienate certain Pittsburg support from Dr. Charles W. Smith, of that city, by joining with the Day-Hamilton forces. The election is likely to prove a close one.

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EARLY AMUSEMENTS

THE FIRST THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE IN INDIANAPOLIS.
They Were Amateur Efforts, but Afforded as Much Pleasure as Many Later Professional Plays.
Arthur C. White, in Collier's Weekly.

Every community must have its amusement—something of a character to please at the same time the high and the low, the old and the young. While Indianapolis now has four first-class theaters and any number of magnificent halls and auditoriums where entertainments of a nature more or less theatrical are given, there was a time when such was not the case.

In 1823 the capital of Indiana could boast of but a few hundred inhabitants, and a large majority of these people were hardy pioneers who had small inclination and less time to cultivate whatever longings there might have been in their breasts for amusement. Yet there was a certain amount of that longing there, and it must be catered to. One day in 1823 there came to Indianapolis a Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who announced to the natives in an imposing manner that they were "late of the New York Theater." On the night of the last day of the year 1823 the Smiths gave the first theatrical performance that had ever been attempted in the Hoosier hamlet. The dining room of the tavern served as the theater and two plays were given—*"The Rival Rivals"* and *"The Jealous Lovers."*

To see this magnificent production "three levies" were charged, meaning three "eleven pence." Bill Bagwell and his fiddle composed the orchestra on this occasion, and it required the combined diplomacy of the states to overcome Major Carter's prejudice to the use of the fiddle. However, his scruples were finally smoothed by the assurance that the fiddle was in reality a violin, a perfectly harmless instrument, and the curtain was allowed to go up after a bill of fare had been read to the audience. The first theatrical performance in Indianapolis was so much of a success that it was repeated several times, and the adventurous spirit of the pioneers was greatly gratified. When next an attempt was made to give a theatrical entertainment in Indianapolis it was a far more elaborate affair. A Mr. Lindsay, who officiated as manager, got together a full company and fitted up a building expressly for the purpose. The building was a two-story structure, and an attractive orchestra for that day was composed of two or three musicians. Among the dramas produced at that time were *"The Rival Rivals"*, *"The Jealous Lovers"*, and *"The Rival Rivals"*.

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About this time (1850) the theater ceased to be a normal without a fixed habitation in Indianapolis, and first-class theaters for those days were built and fitted up, at least, at a cost of \$50,000. Also a stock company was organized with substantial men behind it, and some of the best artists in the country made regular trips to Indianapolis. It is not, however, the intention of this article to deal with the period when first-class theatrical entertainments were given, but simply to trace the slow evolution of early attempts at amusement in the Hoosier hamlet. There are yet living in this city men and women, hale and hearty at the advanced age who look back with pride on the palmy days of the "Theatrical Corps."

INTERSTATE DRILL.
Contest for the Galveston Cup and the Prize of \$2,500.
SAVANNAH, Ga., May 14.—This has been the largest drill of interstate military drill. The contest for the Galveston cup and the prize of \$2,500 in cash began this morning. There were only two entries—the Norton Cadets, of Washington, and the Oglethorpe Infantry, of Atlanta. The Norton Cadets put one of the finest drills ever witnessed and experts say that a better trained team never entered the field. Oglethorpe Infantry, however, showed more tactics and received accolades for the manner in which they executed the program. The contest will continue tomorrow in the parade ground. To-morrow afternoon the judges will announce the winners of the Galveston cup and the prize of \$2,500. The Norton Cadets are believed to be sure winners, and it is thought that the Oglethorpe Infantry will win \$200, the first prize in the college cadet contest.

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